

Board of Trustee Workshop
September 15, 2009

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY at 7:30 pm.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher and Trustees: Miller, Campbell, Falloon and Robertson
Members of the Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/LWRP: A. Impellizzeri, C. Square, C. Fadde, M. Mermell, M. Reisman (arriving after the start of the meeting)
Members of the Public

Mayor Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Formation of Waterfront Lighting Committee

Andy Chmar, Director Hudson Highland Land Trust attended to request formation of a working committee to find the best lighting solutions for the waterfront. At a recent meeting with the Historic District Review Board it was determined that the current proposal may not be the best solution. The board approved of a working committee comprised of the following members: Andy Chmar, Tom Rolston, Andrew Pidala, of Pidala Electric, Trustee Campbell (representing the Recreation Committee) Trustee Robertson, Edward Trimble, Highway Forman and a member of the HDRB.

2. Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/LWRP Report on the Southern Riverfront Marathon and Foundry Ridge

Anne Impellizzeri, Vice Chair provided a power point presentation on the highlights of the Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/ LWRP report on the Southern Riverfront: Marathon and Foundry Ridge. Impellizzeri commented that the SB obtained extensive public input and research from the working groups and board members but she emphasized that very little analysis had been done. This report presents information and possibilities, not recommendations or a plan. Two perspectives utilized in considering a specific area include viewing in the context of the whole surrounding area and in light of the vision and goals for the village.

In addition to the **attached** report, the following points were offered during public discussion:
Scenic viewshed should be protected and it is our responsibility to do so- requirements of New York State Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance

The current zoning places the village in a strong position and we should be optimistic and think of a grand solution.

A fifty- foot conservation easement is inadequate to provide protection.

Any compromise should be based upon how the village values spaces like this, in a broader context, not just because they haven't created revenue for the village.

Having people live and work in the community contributes to a cohesive community, increases volunteerism, economic vitality and provides greater security and safety.

Light industrial may be the best use for this space as there will be no effect on school and it will increase tax revenue. This is the history of community and there may be a benefit if property stays that way.

Hope that village board doesn't make an assumption that they are under an obligation to change the zoning and that one possibility is to maintain the status quo.

Concern about property being a superfund cleanup site and the village liability if approvals are given for development

Concern about traffic patterns and the need for more information and analysis

In current economic climate, there is a danger that project will not be completed and partially built developments don't sell well.

The village might be well served by involving a consultant/ planner.

Residential aspect should be radical and visionary in scope and design and create images of the village.

That would be one way we would be able to offset the weight of its history by saying here's a creative response to a problem.

Neighbors of this property should be brought forward and have a weighted say as they will have to live with any development.

Strongly encourages village board to adopt the cluster zoning- This is an overlay zoning that that would cover the whole village and it may impact any developable site over a certain amount and it gives the Planning Board the ability to make the process work better for the village's benefit e.g. protecting viewshed and streams. This is highly recommended by NYS and is a valuable tool and could be used here as well as the Campbell property.

3. **Resolution 2009-35** in support of Scenic Hudson Grant application for a park project at West Point Foundry Preserve.

Resolution 2009-35

Moved by: Trustee Robertson

Seconded by: Trustee Miller

WHEREAS, The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project to be located at the West Point Foundry Preserve, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Village of Cold Spring Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, states that a not-for-profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring hereby does approve and endorse the application of The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project known as West Point Foundry Preserve Public Access Improvements and located within this community.

On roll call vote:

Trustee M. Lynn Miller voted Yes

Trustee Bruce D. Campbell voted Yes

Trustee Gordon R. Robertson voted Yes

Trustee J. Ralph Falloon voted Yes

Mayor Seth Gallagher voted Yes

Resolution officially adopted on the 15th of September, 2009.

4. Discussion of fire siren and radios

The board was generally in favor of a proposal presented by Trustee Falloon for elimination of the monthly lease for police radios and to configure and encode the equipment received from West Point. Equipment quote as per attached. The board was generally in favor of the proposal but had questions about paying for the noon and 6:00 pm test.

5. Review of Bids for hydrant flushing

Trustee Miller moved to reject both bids received for flushing village hydrants and seconded by Trustee Falloon and unanimously carried.

6. Correspondence

The Putnam County Legislature passed a resolution that approved of assisting the village with the additional cost of trash removal.

7. Approval of bills

Trustee Robertson moved to pay the bills and seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved.

With no additional business to consider, Trustee – moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee ___ and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk